

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A meta data category, for use by a Web site to describe information therein, the meta data category comprising:
a task-description language application to specify types of web applications and services **that describes the functionality of** in said Web site as one or more functional identifiers.
2. (Previously Presented) The meta data category according to claim 1, wherein said meta data category comprises a plurality of functional identifiers, each functional identifier denoting a specific type of application or service available via the world wide web.
3. (Previously Presented) The meta data category of claim 2, wherein each functional identifier comprises one or more keywords identifying a type of application or service being offered by a web based provider.
4. (Previously Presented) The meta data category of claim 2, wherein each functional identifier is written in a task description language describing the functionality of the application or service.
5. (Previously Presented) The meta data category of claim 1, wherein the category is provided in a searchable area of a web page.
6. (Currently Amended) A method of enabling a user to retrieve information and applications on a network comprising:

retrieving content from one or more data sources, and
presenting the retrieved content to the user's web browser, wherein the
retrieved content presented to a user includes information concerning web
applications and/or services, said information being retrieved on the basis of a
dedicated and searchable meta data category relating to web application and/or
service types, wherein said meta data category includes a task-description language
application to specify types of web applications and services **that describes the
functionality of** in said Web site as one or more functional identifiers.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 6, further comprising
analysing an input user query to detect a desire for retrieving web applications and/or
services, retrieving content from one or more data sources that match the user query
and presenting the retrieved content to the user's web browser.

8. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the
step of retrieving content from data sources comprises filtering content and
applications from said one or more data sources to match such content with a user
query or user profile.

9. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the
web browser is configured to deliver information to the user based on a user profile,
so as to personalise the portal.

10. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 9, wherein the
user profile is constructed based upon implicit feedback from information originating
from the user and delivered by the browser.

11. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein in the step of retrieving content, said content is retrieved based directly upon a user query and such content includes one or more links to application and/or service providers identified by said one or more functional identifiers.

12. (Currently Amended) The computer program product being arranged for causing a processor to execute the method of claims 6.